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**The Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A method of manufacturing a cartridge for dispensation of a beverage comprising the steps of:

- a. manufacturing a plurality of outer members comprising at least a first type of outer member and a second type of outer member having differing shape or configurations;
- b. manufacturing a plurality of inner members comprising at least a first type of inner member and a second type of inner member having differing shape or configurations, the first and second types of inner member being interchangeable;
- c. storing said plurality of outer members and said inner members;
- d. selecting one of the first type of outer member or the second type of outer member from the plurality of outer members;
- e. selecting one of the first type of inner member or the second type of inner member from the plurality of inner members;
- f. conjoining the selected inner member to the selected outer member such the inner member is within the outer member;
- g. filling the outer member with one or more beverage ingredients selected from a plurality of beverage ingredients; and
- h. sealing the outer member with a lid to form the cartridge.

Claim 2 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising in step b. of joining a filter member to the first type and/or second type of inner member.

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Claim 3 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the first type of outer member is suitable for containing roast and ground beverage ingredients or the like.

Claim 4 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the second type of outer member is suitable for containing soluble or liquid beverage ingredients or the like.

Claim 5 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the first type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like.

Claim 6 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein the second type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like and for entraining a plurality of air bubbles in the dispensed beverage.

Claim 7 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 6 wherein the first and second type of inner member comprise a frame having a filter disposed thereupon, and wherein a peripheral rim of the frame is conjoined to the selected type of outer member by welding.

Claim 8 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein the second type of inner member comprises means for producing a jet of the beverage, which means comprises an aperture in a beverage flow path between an inlet and an outlet of the cartridge.

Claim 9 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 8 further comprising manufacturing and storing a third type of inner member.

Claim 10 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 9 wherein the third type of inner member is suitable for dispensing soluble beverage ingredients and the like.

Claim 11 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 10 further comprising manufacturing and storing a fourth type of inner member.

Claim 12 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the fourth type of inner member is suitable for dispensing a liquid beverage ingredients and the like.

Claim 13 (Original): A method as claimed in claim 12 wherein the third or fourth type of inner member comprises a skirt surrounding an outlet, the skirt comprising an upper extension having an upper rim which engages, on assembly of the cartridge, a co-operating formation of the selected type of outer member to form a snap-fit arrangement for conjoining the third or fourth type of inner member to the selected type of outer member.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system for dispensing a plurality of beverages comprising:

- a. a plurality of outer members comprising at least a first type of outer member and a second type of outer member having differing shape or configurations;
- b. a plurality of inner members comprising at least a first type of inner member and a second type of inner member having differing shape or configurations;
- c. a plurality of beverage ingredients; and
- d. at least one lid to seal the cartridge;

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wherein each cartridge comprises an outer member, an inner member, one or more beverage ingredients and a lid.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 14 wherein each cartridge further comprises a filter.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 15 wherein the first type of outer member is suitable for containing roast and ground beverage ingredients or the like.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 16 wherein the second type of outer member is suitable for containing soluble or liquid beverage ingredients or the like.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claims 17 wherein the first type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 18 wherein the second type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like and comprises means entraining a plurality of air bubbles in the dispensed beverage.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 19 wherein the first and second type of inner member comprise a frame having a filter disposed thereupon, and wherein a peripheral rim of the frame is conjoined to the selected type of outer member by welding.

Claim 21 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the second type of inner member comprises means for producing a jet of the

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beverage, which means comprises an aperture in a beverage flow path between an inlet and an outlet of the cartridge.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 21 further comprising a third type of inner member.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 22 wherein the third type of inner member is suitable for dispensing soluble beverage ingredients and the like.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 23 further comprising a fourth type of inner member.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claim 24 wherein the fourth type of inner member is suitable for dispensing a liquid beverage ingredients and the like.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): A cartridge system as claimed in claims 25 wherein the third or fourth type of inner member comprises a skirt surrounding an outlet, the skirt comprising an upper extension having an upper rim which engages, on assembly of the cartridge, a co-operating formation of the selected type of outer member to form a snap-fit arrangement for conjoining the third or fourth type of inner member to the selected type of outer member.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): A method of manufacturing a cartridge for dispensation of a beverage comprising the steps of:

- a. manufacturing a plurality of outer members comprising at least a first type of outer member and a second type of outer member having differing shape or configurations, the first type of outer member is suitable for containing roast and ground beverage

ingredients or the like and the second type of outer member is suitable for containing soluble or liquid beverage ingredients or the like;

- b. manufacturing a plurality of inner members comprising at least a first type of inner member and a second type of inner member having differing shape or configurations,

joining a filter member to the first type and/or second type of inner member, wherein the first type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like and the second type of inner member is suitable for filtering roast and ground beverage ingredients and the like and for entraining a plurality of air bubbles in the dispensed beverage and wherein the first and second type of inner member comprise a frame having a filter disposed thereupon, and wherein a peripheral rim of the frame is conjoined to the selected type of outer member by welding and the second type of inner member comprises means for producing a jet of the beverage, which means comprises an aperture in a beverage flow path between an inlet and an outlet of the cartridge,

manufacturing and storing a third type of inner member suitable for dispensing soluble beverage ingredients and the like, and manufacturing and storing a fourth type of inner member suitable for dispensing a liquid beverage ingredients and the like,

the third or fourth type of inner member comprises a skirt surrounding an outlet, the skirt comprising an upper extension having an upper rim which engages, on assembly of the cartridge, a co-operating formation of the selected type of outer member to form a snap-fit arrangement for conjoining the third or fourth type of inner member to the selected type of outer member;

- c. storing said plurality of outer members and said inner members;

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- d. selecting one of the first type of outer member or the second type of outer member from the plurality of outer members;
- e. selecting one of the first type of inner member or the second type of inner member from the plurality of inner members;
- f. conjoining the selected inner member to the selected outer member such the inner member is within the outer member;
- g. filling the outer member with one or more beverage ingredients selected from a plurality of beverage ingredients; and
- h. sealing the outer member with a lid to form the cartridge.